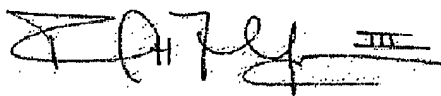


### Remarks

The Applicant respectfully requests this amendment to be entered before initial prosecution of this application. The Applicant believes no fee is due and no extension of time is needed for this amendment to be entered.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the claims and most earnestly solicits the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance for the claims.

Please call the undersigned attorney if any issues remain after this amendment.

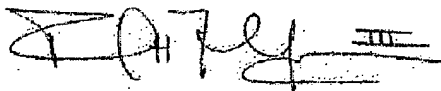


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